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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 303

Concerning commencement of all-party talks to seek a peaceful resolution  
to the conflict in Northern Ireland.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1994

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COYNE, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HOKE, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KING, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MCDADE, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. MORAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. QUINN, Mr. SANGMEISTER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. KLEIN), submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning commencement of all-party talks to seek a  
peaceful resolution to the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Whereas the Congress, the Clinton Administration, and all  
people of good will toward the people of Ireland and Britain  
support a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Northern  
Ireland;

Whereas the British and Irish Governments in their Joint  
Declaration of December 15, 1993, committed themselves  
to all-party talks to end the conflict in the aftermath of  
a durable ceasefire;

Whereas on August 31, 1994, the Provisional Irish Republican Army declared a “complete cessation of military operations” in Northern Ireland which has resulted in a demonstrable reduction in the atmosphere of violence, transformed the climate in that divided community and kindled hopes for a political solution to the conflict; and

Whereas it is essential that the momentum be maintained for a peaceful resolution of this age-old conflict, in order to allow reconciliation between the 2 communities to move forward and to begin a process of deeply needed economic reconstruction in a peaceful environment: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that  
 3 Prime Minister John Major and the Government of the  
 4 United Kingdom should work with the Government of Ire-  
 5 land to seize this historic opportunity to advance the pros-  
 6 pects for peace, reconciliation, and reconstruction on the  
 7 island of Ireland by commencing all-party talks relating  
 8 to the conflict in Northern Ireland as soon as possible.

